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## The Curse Causless Shall Not Come

*This article is no attempt to provide precise answers as to why particular individuals chose specific actions. The people who committed the deed never understood the full process of why they would do or how they could do what they did. I have not completely fathomed the sin capability of my own heart, nor have you; I only know how the word of God describes the humanity that I shared with those two boys and that you and I continue to retain. Apart from the grace and mercy of God, none are beyond sins as deep and as dark as those of King David or of two boys in Colorado. The heart remains and will remain into the year 2000 and beyond despite the best efforts of technology, desperately wicked; and, the question, "Who can know it?" still has only one answer: "I the LORD." Therefore, do not read this with an expectation of new prophetic revelation;*

"in God we trust" was replaced with "if it feels good do it as the national motto.

*instead, I attempt only applications of the finished and final written revelation of Almighty God, the Creator and Judge of Humanity. It is my*

premise that

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No, I really have nothing more to say about Y2K. I do not intend to sound fatalistic; however, in the case of Y2K, if have determined that what will be will be. Perhaps, he wrote most hopefully, the Lord Jesus will return before we change the calendar. I fervently hope that He will. As I wrote in the January issue, I do not want to live here anymore. I am ready to move to Glo-

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ryland. Everyday, I awake wondering what new foolishness, tragedy, act of war or disaster occurred while I slept.

If the coming of the Lord Jesus is soon, I fear what lies ahead. We have seen more than this preacher ever imagined could happen in America. This includes not only the political and moral scene but, especially, this includes what has taken place in Baptist churches in these darkening days. The faith once delivered is under attack from inside and outside. Y2K is the among the least 'worries' of the future.



### This and That

*A reader has suggested that we make The Baptist Heritage available through e-mail. While I do not know how this is done, I have been assured that it can be accomplished. If this would appeal to you, please let me know. If sufficient interest is shown, I (by finding somebody who knows) will learn how to make it happen. For a fellow who remembers the Pony Express with fondness, computer communication is difficult to imagine.*

*In response for requests we have reprints for both January and February issues available. I appreciate the many kind responses received. ☐*

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FROM 1996

While I am certain that many who read this issue of The Baptist Heritage will not agree with the position stated in this article, I firmly believe that it expresses what ought to be said, and should be said in plain simple terms. Believers must be called to consider this particular topic and must be confronted with the implications involved. Just in case, you have

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This preacher is fed up. The rope is stretched taut and I am hanging by that proverbial single thread at the very end. My forbearance has expired. My gentle calmness has left. There churns within me what will not be quieted by chewing antacids, sipping a cup of warm tea, or soaking in a comfortable bath. This stirring is too deep for languid remedies. The 'madness' is not a Marvin M. Milquetoast fit of tepid anger to be cleared by stomping a foot or clearing the throat. Beyond the absence of tranquillity, a negative, I am boiling mad, also a negative—however, as I recall *two negatives make a positive*; so this will be one of the most positive articles that I have written. I have anger that requires verbal discharge (of both barrels of twelve gauge 00 buckshot) directed at the political and the intellectual and the psychological and, especially, the spiritual leadership of this nation. From their mouths come irrationality such as should institutionalize them for the safety of others. They confess that the nation is in a mess, but cannot recognize the cause of the trouble; and, therefore, have no concept of how to fix the problem. Bluntly stated, they are the problem. This land is cursed because America has followed their erroneous political, intellectual, psychological and spiritual beliefs and practices.

This is written in the aftermath of the slaughter in the high school in Colorado. The events of these last few days compel me to address them; they cannot be ignored. The mid-day mayhem committed in classrooms and hallways of an academic institution is neither the source nor subject of my anger. Certainly, the actions of the two twisted souls involved produce anger: anger mixed with loathing; however that anger is nothing as compared with that which seethes within my soul as I write. This is anger joined with righteousness. I cannot maintain silence concerning the response of the 'professionals' and the pundits to the actual barbaric act.

One repeatedly hears statements expressing the same sentiments from every field of expertise existing in America so uniform in utterance as to make one consider the 'possibility' of a conspiracy. How can so many who are so qualified be so stupid at the same time? The only answer is that they all believe the same foolishness.

*What is wrong with America? How*

*could this happen in one of the nation's top schools? How can children kill children? What new laws are needed to solve this problem with our kids? I am announcing (or calling for) 'such and such' program to deal with the crisis of guns in the hands of children. You cannot blame films and television. Why did the authorities not stop them from dressing in black, wearing trench coats, and calling themselves a Mafia?*

*Face it, bleeding heart, hand wringing leaders of America, you removed the authority of the 'authorities' to control student attire.*

While not expressing all that I have heard since this savagery occurred, these inanities are sufficient to enable my reader to relate to my comments. Each remark is evidence of the faulty guidance sending our nation to ruin. Psychological drivel, political double-speak, intellectual nonsense, and spiritual apostasy is destroying the former land of the free and the late home of the brave. Whether through unintentional personal stupidity or by deliberate personal design (*It cannot be ignorance, because these are 'experts.'*), the 'recognized-as-authoritative' political, spiritual, intellectual and psychological leadership of this nation are following seducing spirits, propagating doctrines of devils and leading America to destruction.

Response to this barbarous act by two 'psychopathic' sinners is so uniform that it affirms the collapse of 'American' culture. When 'everybody' thinks the same way, it is evidence, not of rational intellectual agreement but of something akin to brainwashing or intellectual and spiritual death. Since the 'repressive' 1950's, the moral and spiritual foundations of this land have been slowly eroded by a constant plea for permissiveness. It is as though the 'high hat' that President Kennedy, signaling a less formal approach to government, refused to wear on Inauguration Day was but a symbol of the changes on the way. The 1960's removed the 'lid' on another box left behind by Pandora. America began to be casual about everything. With the arrival of Camelot, came also 'the jet set' and 'freedom.' Almost overnight, liberty became license. The old absolutes, not all exclusively 'Christian,' began the move toward extinction exactly as the passenger pigeons, which once broke the limbs from trees at Pigeon Roost, Kentucky, flew away never to return. 'Free' became defined as 'without deterrent' and was applied to everything from lunch to sex. In particular, this 'freedom' was ap-

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plied to morality. The word 'sin' was rejected and 'right' was replaced with selective morality as the standard by which all actions are measured. Every individual became the supreme judge of right and wrong. "In God we trust" was replaced with "if it feels good, do it" as the national motto.

What results has this overthrow of restraint provided? In a land where students once made spitballs and were paddled and suspended, students now make pipe bombs. In a land where a water pistol in a back pocket would bring swift, applied judgment to the seat of learning, rifle fire is heard in the cafeteria. Running in the halls obtained a trip to the principal's office in my day, now it becomes a matter of life and death. No one can deny that America is a land being cursed. What makes me so very angry is that those who crusaded to bring the causes now wonder how the curse came. I am constrained to tell them so.

*Why did the authorities not stop them from dressing in black, wearing trench coats, and calling themselves a Mafia?*

Why? Because the ACLU, other liberal groups, the Department of Education of the United States, the Federal Court system and parents by truckloads have removed from the local school all authority to establish and to enforce dress codes. Can you imagine what

the ACLU would have done had the school restricted the wearing of black trench coats? Would parents have remained idle while their children were so abused as to be denied the right to wear black? In schools across this land, every such attempt has been met with well-financed resistance. Can no one remember that just last year the witch was judicially permitted to wear black? (*Her mother said she and her daughter were witches; I did not smear the child.*) Would any newspaper or television station lead the charge to have schools forbid wearing all black? Unions would oppose the rule, if it affected teachers.

It is a violation of the Constitution of this (former) republic to infringe upon the freedom of expression of these youths to 'dictate' in any manner what they may or may not wear. Numerous court cases have decreed that schools cannot make a boy cut his hair or a girl to comb hers, cannot make him pull up his pants or require her to wear modest clothing, cannot make him remove his earring(s) or necklace or compel her to scrape off some of the makeup and cannot in any other manner restrict this expanded freedom of 'speech.' Schools cannot expel students without providing costly 'alternative' educational opportunities.

Face it, bleeding heart, hand wringing leaders of America, you removed the authority of the 'authorities' to control student attire. You also succeeded for the most part in preventing the schools

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been "Rip Van Winkling" along, this "year of our Lord 1996" is important for our nation. Some have described it as the most crucial time in the nation's existence; however, that seems to overlook Valley Forge, Fort Sumpter, Pearl Harbor, and a few other times. Even so, this is indeed a crisis time.

For too long, America (patritotism) and Christianity have been so intertwined in sermons that for many sincere believers the two are simply synonyms. Christianity has been clothed, by politicians and preachers, with the garb of patriotism,

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capitalism and the free enterprise system--in short, many "Christians" have become convinced that America is the Kingdom of God come on earth and that this is, or is supposed

to be, the Promised Land. Too many "Christians" try to take the promises and the laws given to Israel and forcibly apply them to this land. I would that I had a handful of change for every time I have heard some preacher (most preachers that I hear are Baptist) proclaim, to loud "AAAAMENS" (never to an AAHHMEN, of course), that God called America into being and that this is a Christian nation--or, when they are appealing

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from controlling what is in the backpacks and lockers of students. I wonder what was found in the backpacks and lockers of that school. Could any of it be used to discipline or to prosecute some student for possession of obscene materials, drugs, or drug paraphernalia? Imagine the uproar that would produce? Invasion of privacy, unlawful search and seizure—and numerous other challenges would immediately be funded by special interest groups.

As to restricting the use of a particular word, the school board would be sued over any attempt to do so (unless it is 'Jesus') and the teachers and administrators know it. The ACLU would have been first in line to hang any teacher that dared to douse a flag on fire. One or both of these boys made a video as a class project showing themselves killing students in the hallways of the school—according to CNN. A teacher is grieving because one of the boys wrote a paper on 'dreams' about the same thing—according to the PIO of that local sheriff. As for the fascination with Hitler, if the schools really taught real history, there would be little attraction to Hitler. Yet, I recall the ACLU defending the Nazi march in Illinois. Would that group have allowed the school to expel a student for a fascination with Hitler? Student newspapers across the nation have printed offensive material and the courts have upheld the right to do so and have prevented schools from (the dreaded word) censorship—the same courts that have censored God and righteousness out of the same schools. It is not amazing that we face a curse. It did not arrive by accident. What upsets me is that the very people who are asking this kind of question caused the problem.

*How could this happen in one of the nation's top schools?*

We are told, by commentators with straight, concerned faces, "This was not an inner city school." What nonsense to connect violence to the inner city and peace with the affluent suburbs. No one knowing human nature expects crime and violence to be restricted only to an inner city. It takes a liberal who believes that environment has the power to produce either goodness or badness to espouse such drivle. Such have never seen a rose bush grow alongside a pig lot. Send them to a farm for summer CEU's in-

stead of ivied halls of academia. When the (national) experts are (biblical) fools, it is not a matter of wonder that we face a curse.

Personally, I was not impressed that the students, as shown via the media, were high achievers. During interviews, the majority of the students did not

present an image of having received strong tutelage. The grammar used was poor; the reasoning was poor; the vocabulary was poor; the choice of attire was poor. Exceptions were noted; but overall the students would not have passed Pearl Bartley's English class in 1958. In the guise of making poor schools good and good schools better, the Federal government, during the Eisenhower administration, over the objections of good men, created a Department of Education. Uncle Sam has made quite a mess out of a public education system that was once the envy of the world. America led the world in literacy when Uncle took over and now we are well down the list. For anyone interested in a remedy for the schools, I offer a simple one. Return the discipline of the 1940's and the 1950's to the schools; re-institute corporal punishment in the elementary schools; re-empower the parents to control their children and the schools; revive the moral absolutes of right and wrong; remove those who disrupt. In short, return all that the experts removed.

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*How can children kill children?*

It is amazing how children are classified adults for one purpose, but are reverted to children for other purposes. One of these 'children' was 17 and the other 18; therefore, only one was, even, technically a child. Both of these 'children' could be serving as soldiers; one could cast a vote or buy booze, but all that is beside the question. People moaning over the carnage of these 'children' have no concern (and, worse, see no inconsistency) that, if female, both could have an abortion and not be required to tell Mom or Dad. In fact, any girl in that school, though she is required by law to have parental permission to have her ears pierced and a doctor by law could not set her broken arm without either consent of a guardian or a court order, could, by law, have her womb emptied of a living child without any hesitation. Children kill children every school day and on the week-end, doing so with the blessing of the Constitution as interpreted by the Su-

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preme Court and as funded by the Congress of the United States and as encouraged by the President. In fact, children are assured they have the right to do so. Children are told, directly and indirectly, that they need not feel any remorse or guilt for killing another human. Children are taught that children are disposable options. When a nation values human life so low, it is no wonder that the children of the nation feel the freedom to do the same.

In a land where O J cannot be found guilty, where sons slaughter their parents (pausing to reload) and have a juror bemoan the fact of their being orphans and refuse to vote guilty, where it has taken some forty deaths to stop Jack Kevorkian, where character does not matter—what should we expect from children? By the way, has everybody forgotten Waco and Ruby Ridge? The government had no apprehension and suffered no consequences over burning children or shooting a mother holding a baby. A new program to prevent that kind of crisis would be welcomed.

*What new laws will solve this problem with our kids?*

Those two had previously been adjudicated law-breakers, did community service, were, thereby, rehabilitated (less than 90 days ago) and received letters of praise allegedly with a written expectation that

they had the potential of becoming community leaders. They tested the system and found that the law was a toothless hound. More laws would not have prevented the massacre; but better enforcement of laws previously broken by the boys might have. As it is, there are all kinds of laws against what these boys did. Local laws, state laws, and federal laws all touch upon some aspect of their assault on the school. Murder is against laws everywhere—except in Jack Kevorkian's mind, within abortion clinics and before certain California juries. Guns are federally forbidden within a specified distance of any school; however, that did not prevent the deed. By the way, that school district has a rule against cell phones— obviously, it was widely violated. Only those who broke that rule are praised. What would have been the result if a teacher or student had broken the law by carrying a handgun and had shot both boys dead as they began the rampage? The media will not discuss that concept; and I do not recommend it; but, it is interesting to speculate on the reaction.

Laws or the absence of laws is neither cause nor effect of the curse on America. There is a spiritual vacuum in the children of America, because the adults and the parents of America have rejected the God of the Bible and made themselves gods after their own desires. We are seeing today the results of thirty years of raising children in a country where values fluctuate, morals are debatable, standards are ne-

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to the masses—"a Judaic-Christian nation."

After all, as we are often reminded, the Supreme Court of the United States once upon a time (sounds like a fairy tale) ruled (in one decision) that "The United States is a Christian nation." So what, the Supreme Court once also ruled that Dred Scott was a non-person because he was a slave; that babies in the womb are a mere appendage of the body and may be discarded as a woman would a ruptured appendix or a cancerous tumor; that "the well being of the land" (A.K.A. "public policy") takes precedence over time honored, strongly held, sincerely believed, fervently practiced, Bible based religious beliefs; that prayer in public is

an affront to the conscience of the non-believer while profanity is a constitutionally protected free speech right, that burning the American Flag is protected free speech—need I continue to cite the bad judgment exercised by the Supreme Court?

While we often have been fortunate, as a nation, to have decent, honest judges sit on that high bench, we have also been most unfortunate to have some who apparently were neither and some who never seem to have even bothered to read the Constitution a single time! I have no fear in predicting that The Supreme Court of the United States (which opens every session with "God save the court") will be found often reversed and frequently overruled at the final review before

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gotiable, truth is flexible, and where sin is deemed an alternative. We can expect to be cursed.

Where might these boys have learned how to terrorize a school and to blow up buildings? I dare say from the war protesters and the black radicals of the 1960's. People currently in power seem to forget that buildings were being blown up back then. Shoot-outs, even in courtrooms, were not rare. Speakers at colleges encouraged students to 'off their parents' and to 'kill the pigs.' Children today are only following in distinguished, high profile footsteps. Our national life is led by some who led the way. Check offices in Washington and positions in Hollywood for confirmation.

*I am announcing (or calling for) today 'such and such' program to deal with the crisis of guns in the hands of children.*

The problem is not what is in the hands of the children, but with what is in their hearts. Using such calamities for political profit is sick politics practiced by sick, not slick, politicians. I cannot respect that effort. It may garner votes, but that process is the source of most of the bad laws and bad

government that we have today. Look how the civil rights act—intended, in theory, to right a serious wrong—has been used to foster perversions. Laws made to fix a crisis are laws that are emotion and not rational.

Will we be able keep plastic pipe and propane tanks from children with a law? No good parent would knowingly allow a child to play with propane tanks, make pipe bombs, trifle with weapons or plan murders and no law will prevent any child of the other kind of parent from doing so. Parents do need to re-assume responsibility for their children and that involves not always going behind them to see that they pay no penalty for their wrongs. Wrong behavior of children too often receives no penalty in our soci-

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ety and sets the stage for greater wrong. Yet, it would be a mistake to place the blame for such actions as this carnage solely on parents; remember that David's children numbered a rapist and murderers among them. Parents cannot guarantee what their children will become. In our day, there are stronger influences than parental on children.

While I am on the subject of family, I also have no respect for family members who use tragedy to secure a living. This 'Sarah Brady syndrome' is rapidly becoming a way of life for far too many agenda orientated individuals.

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the Great White Throne by the living and true Supreme Judge of the Universe! Even so, setting my views aside, why on earth would any one choose to quote the Supreme Court as the authority on whether or not America is a Christian nation?

I quickly and gladly concede that when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, they (the Pilgrims) were predominately Christian in personal faith, moral conscience and private (and public) practice--there is even some evidence to indicate that several were actually Baptists in affiliation. *The Mayflower Compact* is a marvelous piece of historical record to

read and certainly expressed sincere Christian desires and intentions.

Yet in the passage of time, religious persecution (*NOT BY THE PILGRIMS* but) by "the established church" in Massachusetts and Virginia and Maryland and elsewhere was common. By the time (a century and a half later--four or so generations from the Pilgrims) "the founding fathers" wrote The Declaration of Independence (largely the verbiage, as all authorities affirm, of Thomas Jefferson--a man who took his scissors and removed all supernatural events or teachings from the New Testament to produce the real "Jesus" [which act he boldly declared to be as easy as distinguishing "diamonds in a dung-hill"]--*The Jefferson Bible* is available through any book

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## You cannot blame films and television.

It takes a moron or a hypocrite to make such a remark. I not only can blame them, I do blame them. We are told that advertising causes children to smoke, that hate speech produces hate crimes, that the repressive preaching of fundamentalists cause psychosis—but, we are assured, that vivid, dramatic presentations of violence and sex have no affect on children. We are saturated, if the ads are accurate, with a ready manual of revenge seeking murders. Any individual who has a television could make a pipe bomb as taught by old 'family shows.' The A-Team did it and McGyver gave lessons. I can only imagine the information gleaned from Hollywood and the Internet. Beyond doubt, some of the responsibility must rest on the media. Violence without consequence is offered as a way of life and cinematic bloodshed has desensitized the entire culture.

### How did all this come to be?

I know no other way to say it. America has become a land under a curse because Americans love to have it so. America has chosen the road of curses over

the path of blessings. 'If it feels good, do it' as a national motto has harsh consequences.

The curse has plenty of causes; however, let me confess that heavy responsibility rests on those Americans called Christians. Some, Christian in name only, have proclaimed a false message and misled generations to disregard the word of God. Some have so commingled the world with Christianity as to make the latter invalid. Some have been so politically minded that they have tainted their message and made it ineffective. Some equated numbers with success and sold the message for methods to gain numbers. Others retained the truth, but withdrew into a shell and failed to win neighbors to Christ. Too many blood-bought, born again, Heavenbound believers have conformed to the world's con-

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cept that gain is godliness. We have failed to set our affection on things above. We have fallen in love with the present world. We compromised truth for the sake of comfort. We have sinned, the blessing is removed, and the curse is falling.

Dear Friend, the sowing was for many generations; the harvest has only begun. ☩

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distributor as ISBN 0-8050-3853-1) and the Constitution, they were not predominately Christian in personal faith, moral conscience or private (and public) practice. They were, at this point of our history, merely "greatly influenced in their thinking by the Bible, moral values, and their church (sic)."<sup>1</sup> These founders (*Jefferson was not one of the framers of the Constitution as he was in France*), except for three<sup>2</sup> were identified "orthodox members of one of the established Christian communions: approximately twenty-nine Anglicans, sixteen to eighteen Calvinists, two Methodists, two Lutherans, two Roman Catholics, one lapsed Quaker and sometime-Anglican, and one open

Deist--Dr. Franklin who attended every kind of Christian worship, called for public prayer, and contributed to all denominations."<sup>3</sup>

These may have been, undoubtedly were, good men, perhaps the greatest that this nation has ever produced, and they certainly assembled an amazing document, properly ranked among the noblest ever written by mere men--BUT THEY WERE NOT INSPIRED BY GOD and the Constitution is not a Covenant made by or with God.

It is not my purpose to defame any of the founders and in such a short article I could not give biographical sketches of each of the 55 delegates (sixteen of whom did not sign the document and some who did, did so with reluctance). It is also a historical fact, though

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no current history text used in the public schools would dare to reveal it, that Patrick Henry, elected as delegate from Virginia, so strongly opposed the concept of a Federal Constitution because it would place too much power beyond the state level that he refused to attend any sessions! Nor will it be taught that, finding the Constitution ratified, he led the fight to force the States to adopt the Bill Of Rights--all of which were left out of the original Constitution! Henry, perhaps the greatest orator and statesmen of his age (I think in American History!) was adamant for the Declaration ("I know not what course others may take....but give me liberty or give me death!") but he feared and warned against the potential excesses coming from a central government. Leave reading the Federalist Papers for awhile and take the time for a diligent reading of the Anti-Federalist Papers! (Yes, those are book titles and both are in print.) You just might find that Henry and others were right about some serious dangers/deficiencies of the Constitution.

I hasten to the point of this article "Can I, that is, do I have the ability by virtue of God-given authority to ask The Lord God Almighty to bless America? The word "bless" is interesting in its derivation as it comes to us from the Anglo Saxon word (*bledsian* derived from *blod*) for blood and has the connotation of blood being used as a means of consecration. (Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition, gives the meaning of bless as: to hallow or consecrate by religious rite or word, to invoke divine care for, to approve, to confer prosperity or happiness upon--and then gives as the archaic use, which term, by the way, will prove most often to identify the use of the King James translators--to protect or to preserve). Therefore, the question is "Do I have the authority from

*Jehovah, the Lord God of Hosts, to ask that He would give America happiness and prosperity through His protection and preservation? Can I ask God Almighty to bless this land--to consecrate America through a covenant of blood?*

Certainly, I MAY say the words asking for God to bless America, but CAN I pray them with a sincere expectation for God to do so? The question is not of the form that the sentence takes but the sincerity of the expectation. On what scriptural basis could I anticipate that God would or should bless America?

IN THE FIRST PLACE, is there an indication of any desire on the part of America (as a nation) to receive the blessing of God? This preacher has not found the smallest trace of evidence that America (as a nation) has any desire whatsoever to be blessed of God, *if that blessing is connected with the God of the Bible.* Now if that blessing were to come from Zeus, Apollo, Thor, Gaia--Mother Earth (the Earth Goddess), or little green men from Mars then America would rush to accept it. But as long as the God of the Garden of Eden and of the Ten Commandments and of Golgotha's Blood-stained Cross and the Empty Tomb and the Great White Throne Judgment--in other words, the God of the Bible--is the One from Whom the blessing would come and to Whom the accountability must be given is involved then America would reject the blessing by super majority vote!

IF THE QUESTION WERE PLACED ON THIS NOVEMBER'S BALLOT [DO YOU WANT THE GOD OF THE BIBLE TO BLESS AMERICA?] IT WOULD LIKELY NOT RECEIVE AS MANY FAVORABLE VOTES AS MICKEY MOUSE RECEIVES FOR PRESIDENT!

You desire proof? If the statistics of the

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polls are correct, then the MAJORITY of Americans deny the possibility of the Virgin Birth or Bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ, reject the infallible inerrant inspiration of the Bible, repudiate the necessity of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus for salvation, and believe that they (individually and collectively) are the determinants of right and wrong. Americans by majority vote in these polls also endorse the continued butchering of unborn babies, desire to recognize the practice of homosexuality as a proper lifestyle, wish to eliminate the terminally ill and unproductive, make marijuana and its companions an acceptable recreational activity, prevent any mention of the God of the Bible in the "public" schools, and amend the Bill of Rights to fix Bible-thumpers and gun-nuts. Americans gladly accept the mass murderer Jack Kevorkian as a legitimate medical authority, Phil Donahue as a valid social commentator, Dan Rather as a genuine newsman, Madonna as a real singer, and the Dalai Lama as a great religious leader! I surely have no need to detail America's illogical choices for "rational" politicians.

The sad, but true, fact is that America does not want God anywhere near America!

Well then, IN THE SECOND PLACE, where might I turn in Scripture to find that God promises to answer a prayer to bless this sin-laden guilt-ridden ungodly nation? It will not be found in the books of Moses, not in the works of the prophets, not in the Gospels, not in the Epistles and not in The Revelation. Rather in every section of the Book one will find clear promises of judgment on any nation that rejects God, His word, and His Son.

Preachers and believers alike better wake

to the truth--judgment, not blessing, awaits this nation. I hope the Rapture occurs before this happens (IT WILL OCCUR BEFORE THE PROPHESED TRIBULATION) but it may not.

America does not desire nor does she deserve, as an unrepentent sinladed nation, to receive the blessing of God. She merits the wrath of an indignant offended righteous God and she will receive it. ✕

1. Faith of Our Founding Fathers, Tim LaHaye, page 30
2. *ibid*, page 30
- 3 .M. E. Bradford as quoted by Dr. LaHaye, page 30

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